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## REPLY AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2006 (Paper No. 2-29-06), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

## AMENDMENTS

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Please amend claims 1-5 and 7, as shown in the attached sheets (pages 9-10 of this amendment).

Please add new claim 8, as shown in the attached sheets (page 11 of this amendment).